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1. AT OCTOBER 30 MEETING WITH GOSKONTSERT REPRESENTATIVES, EMBOFF FOUND GOSK FORTHCOMING ON ALMOST ALL JOFFREY REQUESTS, AS OUTLINED BELOW. BECAUSE MOSCOW OPERETTA THEATER WAS RESERVED IN ADVANCE, HOWEVER, GOSK IS UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE JOFFREY'S REQUEST THAT MOSCOW PREMIERE BE DELAYED UNTIL DECEMBER 10; THEATER WAS RESERVED FROM DECEMBER 9-14, AND GOSK WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THE THEATER EVEN IF THERE WERE NO PERFORMANCE. GOSK REMAINS FIRM ON THIS POINT, POINTING OUT THAT THE CONTRACT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK MUST BE THE FREE DAY, AND EMBASSY SEES NO REPEAT NO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION. IN PARTICULAR GOSK POINTED OUT IT HAD MADE AS MANY CONCESSIONS AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING DEADLINES ON PUBLICITY.

2. SUGGEST JOFFREY RECONSIDER ORIGINAL GOSK SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: PREMIERE VILNIUS DECEMBER 4; MATINEE AND EVENING

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PERFORMANCES DECEMBER 5: EVENING PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 6;

TRAVEL TO MOSCOW DECEMEBER 7; FREE DAY DECEMBER 8; PREMIERE DECEMBER 9; EVENING PERFORMACE DECEMBER 10; EVENING PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 11; MATINEE AND EVENING PERFORMANCES DECEMBER 12; AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION IN AFTERNOON AND EVENING PERFORMANCE DECEMER 13; EVENING PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 14; DEPARTURE, DECEMBER 15.

3. GOSK AGREES TO JOFFREY'S OTHER CHANGES IN SCHEDULE: I.E., COMPANY WILL TRAVEL FROM LENINGRAD TO RIGA NOVEMXBER 25 AND WILL HAVE FREE DAY NOVEMBER 26. SIMILARLY COMPANY WILL TRAVEL FROM RIGA TO VILNIUS DECEMBER 2. FREE DAY DECEMBER 3.

4. GOSK HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE PER DIEM AND SINGLE ROOMS FOR BOTH RPT BOTH CONDUCTORS (REFTEL C PARA 6). ADVISE ETA ASAP.

5. MEALS (REFTEL C, PARA 8) FOR THE STAGE CREW TO BE ARRANGED AT CREW'S CONVENIENCE BY GOSKONTSERT ESCORTS AS IS USUALLY DONE ON TOUR OF THIS SORT.

6. EMBOFF RE-EMPHASIZED TO GOSK IMPORTANCE OF THE THREE FORTY-FOOT TRUCKS ON COMPANY'S ARRIVAL.

7. GOSK DEPUTY DIRECTOR MYASOYEDOV GRANTED JOFFREY ONE MORE DAY TOTRANSMIT NAMES OF DANCERS AND BALLETS. HE STRESSED URGENCY OF THIS MATTER, ADDING THAT TICKETS CANNOT GO ON SALE WITHOUT PREVIOUS PUBLICITY. AT PRESENT THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICITY UNLESS INFORMATION IS RECEIVED BY TOMORROW.

8. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN ORDER TO AVOID JEOPARDIZING FUTURE RELATIONS WITH GOSK, IT IMPERATIVE JOFFREY ACCEPT PRESENT SCHEDULING CONDITIONS. FURTHER DEBATE WOULD ONLY EMBARRASS EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT, AND WOULD BE FUTILE ANYWAY, AS GOSK IS NOW AS INTRANSIGENT AS JOFFREY.  
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